

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Farm,Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Environmental Protection Agency		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Farm,Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee		34553	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/08/2018	02/08/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Agency Decision Memo signed by EPA's Deputy Administrator on 1/22/08	01/22/2008	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

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20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The FRRCC membership represents the viewpoints of various groups, including: academia; agriculture and associated industries; non-governmental organizations; and state, local, and tribal governments. Nominations for membership on the FRRCC are solicited through the Federal Register and other sources, including advertisement through listservs, websites, press releases, and consultation with representatives from the EPA regions and program offices.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings occur approximately twice a year at 6 month intervals. The Charter for the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC) was filed as renewed in February 2018, but the Committee has since been inactive following the departure of the Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Agriculture Policy from the Agency in March 2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The FRRCC provides a forum for discussion and an opportunity to provide policy advice to the EPA Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities. The FRRCC also plays a critical role in the Agency's efforts to expand cooperative working relationships with the agricultural community and others who are interested in agricultural issues to achieve greater progress in environmental protection.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

No FRRCC meetings were closed.

21. Remarks

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

Designated Federal Officer

Hema Subramanian DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Johnson, Patrick	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, Partner, Cypress Brake Planting Co, Tunica, MS	Representative Member
Korson, Philip	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, President, Cherry Marketing Institute, Lansing, MI	Representative Member
Logan, Joseph	10/07/2014	10/07/2018	Tier 1, President of Ohio Farmers Union, Ottawa, OH	Representative Member
Martin, Paul	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, Owner / Manager, Spear Six Ranch, Petaluma, CA	Representative Member
Noonan, Roger	10/07/2014	10/07/2018	Tier 1, President, New England Farmers Union, New Boston, NH	Representative Member
Rynning, Robert	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, Owner / Manager, Rynning Farm, Kennedy, MN	Representative Member
Shippentower, Cheryl	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, Plant Ecologist, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, OR	Representative Member
Teske, Donn	06/15/2012	10/07/2018	Tier 1, President, Kansas Farmers Union, Wheaton, KS	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other



Outcome Comments

The FRRCC works towards improving communication and cooperation between the agricultural community and the Environmental Protection Agency.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

☐

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

☐

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

When recommendations are made by the FRRCC they tend to suggest broad institutional and policy changes that must be taken by numerous actors involved in environmental protection work, and may sometimes require cooperation with other governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other groups of individuals. This process often is incremental and takes place over a long time frame, and therefore is difficult to measure.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

26

Number of Recommendations Comments

The FRRCC has produced 7 advice letters and two reports on various topics since the committee's establishment.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

In January 2017, former Administrator McCarthy responded to the FRRCC soil health report outlining the progress the agency has made in developing collaborations and partnerships with agricultural stakeholders to advance soil health. The FRRCC submitted several recommendations in its report dated December 2011. EPA responded in March 2012 that it would review the issues raised by the committee and consider how EPA might make use of them. In the past, the FRRCC's January 2009 advice letter was submitted to former Administrator Johnson, and Administrator Jackson responded to the FRRCC's advice letter with a formal response letter indicating that significant portions of the FRRCC's recommendations had been implemented. In addition, Administrator Jackson indicated in her response to the FRRCC's assorted advice letters submitted in September 2009 that the Agency had already begun to implement some of the Committee's advice and recommendations, and that the others would be referred to the appropriate Agency staff for consideration and implementation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Former EPA Administrators have responded to all of the FRRCC's advice letters and reports with formal response letters indicating what actions would be taken with regard to the Committee's recommendations. Response letters are posted on the FRRCC website.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The FRRCC has not yet made any recommendations of the kind listed above.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

See website.